

Program B: Criminal Investigations

Program Authorization: R.S. 4:501-562; R.S. 27:20; R.S. 27:308; R.S. 32:1550; R.S. 33:4861 et seq.; R.S. 40:960-1022 and 1379; R.S. 40:1485; R.S. 47-7001-7006; R.S. 47:9002

Program Description

The mission of the Criminal Investigation Program in the Office of State Police is to enhance the safety of the citizens of Louisiana through the investigation of criminal activity.

The goals of the Criminal Investigations Program in the Office of State Police are:

1. Maintain and enhance a centralized, self-initiating program designed to deter criminal activity and regulate gaming operations.
2. Increase effectiveness at identifying and investigating criminal activity
3. Expand and enhance the Criminal Investigations Program.
4. Strive to improve professionalism and proficiency throughout the Criminal Investigations Program.

The Louisiana State Police Criminal Investigations Program is dedicated to the suppression of criminal activity through vigorous enforcement of relevant statutes. The Criminal Investigations Program in the Office of State Police consists of the following activities: Detectives Division and Narcotics.

The Detectives Division consists of the following: Detectives and General Criminal Investigations and Intelligence.

Detectives and General Criminal Investigations: The Louisiana State Police (LSP) is the only statewide law enforcement agency equipped to handle large-scale, multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations. Additionally, the Detectives Division is heavily involved in support local agencies and jurisdictions with investigative assistance and suspects involved in criminal activity. State Police investigators are responsible for the enforcement of all statutes relating to criminal activity. Further, the section serves as a repository for intelligence information gathered throughout the state and as a point of coordination for multi-jurisdictional criminal investigations. Under the authority of R.S. 47:9002, the section also conducts investigations for the Louisiana Lottery Corporation.

Intelligence: The Office of the State Police is engaged in the development and processing of criminal intelligence (both raw and refined) pertaining to organized crime, traveling criminals, public disorders, VIP security (including executive), and labor violence. Enforcement functions handled by this unit include investigation of crimes involving state agencies and personnel.

The Narcotics Division consists of the following: Narcotics and Controlled Dangerous Substances Enforcement: The Narcotics and Controlled Dangerous Substances Enforcement activity enforces all local, state, and federal statutes prohibiting the possession, use and distribution of narcotics, dangerous drugs, and prohibited substances. LSP investigations are concentrated on large-scale narcotics operations, with emphasis on individuals implicated in interstate and international drug trafficking and organized prescription fraud by practitioners. Drug Enforcement Seizures and Forfeitures Fund: R.S. 32:1550 establishes a formula for distribution of funds derived from the sale of contraband property or seizure of narcotics funds.

Insurance Fraud Unit: Referrals and complaints are reviewed in a timely manner and investigated to improve the detection of insurance fraud related criminal activity. The Insurance Fraud Investigation function was assigned to the Office of State Police, Criminal Investigation Program during the 1999 legislative session.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2000-2001	ACT 12 2001-2002	EXISTING 2001-2002	CONTINUATION 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED 2002-2003	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$592,091	\$288,307	\$288,307
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	569,641	987,875	510,287	510,287	510,287	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	1,376,804	1,836,986	1,836,986	2,306,392	2,633,494	796,508
Statutory Dedications	8,687,421	8,314,103	8,379,139	7,844,697	7,831,094	(548,045)
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	419,314	492,737	539,708	539,708	539,708	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$11,053,180	\$11,631,701	\$11,266,120	\$11,793,175	\$11,802,890	\$536,770
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$7,645,308	\$8,223,526	\$7,782,109	\$8,227,379	\$8,242,372	\$460,263
Other Compensation	5,526	21,052	21,052	21,052	21,052	0
Related Benefits	582,050	516,975	725,079	810,013	973,094	248,015
Total Operating Expenses	906,784	871,157	886,675	929,493	775,485	(111,190)
Professional Services	0	395	395	404	395	0
Total Other Charges	707,119	805,682	597,578	611,920	597,578	0
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	1,206,393	1,192,914	1,253,232	1,192,914	1,192,914	(60,318)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$11,053,180	\$11,631,701	\$11,266,120	\$11,793,175	\$11,802,890	\$536,770
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	201	194	193	202	202	9
Unclassified	1	0	1	1	1	0
TOTAL	202	194	194	203	203	9

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Interagency Transfers, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Interagency Transfers are from the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement and are federal grants for narcotics enforcement. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from fees collected by the Office of Motor Vehicles and from the sale of assets related to narcotics investigations. The Statutory Dedications are derived from the Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund (R.S. 27:92), Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund (R.S. 40:1428) and Drug Enforcement and Recovery Fund (R.S. 47:120.31). Per R.S. 39:36B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each statutory dedicated fund. Direct Federal Funds are provided by the Department of Justice, the Drug Enforcement Agency, The Department of of Treasury, U.S. Customs, FBI and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

	ACTUAL	ACT 12	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2000-2001	2001-2002	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Riverboat Gaming Enforcement Fund	\$7,106,721	\$7,180,248	\$7,240,566	\$6,710,842	\$6,697,239	(\$543,327)
Insurance Fraud Investigation Fund	\$1,552,652	\$1,133,855	\$1,138,573	\$1,133,855	\$1,133,855	(\$4,718)
Drug Enforcement and Recovery	\$28,048	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$0	\$11,631,701	194	ACT 12 FISCAL YEAR 2001-2002
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$65,036	0	Carry forward funding for two vehicles
\$0	(\$477,588)	0	Reduce funding for narcotics grant from the La. Commission on Law Enforcement
\$0	\$46,971	0	Increased federal funding for narcotics enforcement
\$0	\$11,266,120	194	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 20, 2001
\$0	\$142,035	0	Annualization of FY 2001-2002 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$0	\$86,987	0	Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2002-2003
\$0	\$1,192,914	0	Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$1,192,914)	0	Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs
\$0	(\$65,036)	0	Non-Recurring Carry Forwards
\$0	\$219,134	0	Salary Base Adjustment
\$0	(\$288,307)	0	Attrition Adjustment
\$0	(\$133,757)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$0	(\$41,060)	(1)	Gubernatorial Position Reduction
\$0	\$328,467	10	Homeland Defense
\$288,307	\$288,307	0	Restoration of attrition
\$288,307	\$11,802,890	203	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$288,307	\$11,802,890	203	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$288,307	\$11,802,890	203	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$395 Witness fees

\$395 TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

OTHER CHARGES

\$597,578 Monies used for investigative undercover work by specialized investigative support units

\$597,578 SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

Interagency Transfers:

\$0 None

\$0 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS

\$597,578 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

\$723,508	Replacement vehicles (36)
\$469,406	Investigative equipment (mobile radios, night vision pocket scopes, video editing equipment, etc.
\$1,192,914	TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS